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Representations from the ryots of Salem district regarding forest grievances.

* 425 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots in Salem district regarding their grievances relating to reserve forests, under the forest department, as well as those under the forest panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, what action do they propose to take on them?

A.—(*a*) A petition has been received from the ryots of Hosur taluk.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—"May I know, Sir, from which place in Hosur the said petition has been received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes, a petition has been received as stated in the answer."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—"My question is from which places in Hosur taluk, the said petition has been received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"From the places referred to by my hon. Friend."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the grievances have been redressed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As I said, the petition is under consideration."

Petitions for the disafforestation of portions of the Thoppur Reserve, Salem district.

* 426 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the people of Dhombarakampatti and surrounding villages have submitted petitions to Government for disafforesting portions and assigning lands for cultivation in Thoppur reserve forest and Dhombarakampatti reserves in Salem district; and

(*b*) whether a copy of the order in this matter passed by the Chief Conservator of Forests will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) A petition for the lease of about 1,340 acres of land in the Thoppur and Barigam B reserved forests was received.

(*b*) The copy of the relevant portion of the order is "The areas applied for will not be disreserved."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—"May I know, Sir, the reasons which led the Conservator of Forests pass such an order?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because it is not in the interests of the Forest department to disafforest those areas."